

REMARKS

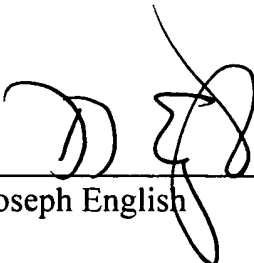
The claims pending in the application have been allowed.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the attached replacement drawings as requested by the Examiner.

The Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments to the specification identified above. The amendments are formal in nature and no new matter has been added. Several of the amendments remove unnecessarily closed language. For example, the amendments remove language regarding a disclosed embodiment which may be useful in making filters for Dense Wavelength Division Multiplexer (DWDM) systems. Applicant submits that the claims, and the examination of the claims, have not been restricted to apparatus or methods for making DWDM embodiments and respectfully requests entry of the amendments to avoid the possibility of undue prejudice to the Applicant in the future.

While an extension of time is not deemed necessary, the Office is requested and hereby authorized to charge the appropriate extension-of-time fees against Account No. 04-1679 to Duane Morris LLP.

Respectfully submitted,



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